Govenment talks with MNF leader, Mr. Laldenga

1377. SHRI CHITTA BASU:
SHRI RAMKRISHNA MAZUMDER:

Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government recently have had talks with Mr. Laldenga, the Mizo National Front leader and his colleagues to finalise the accord; and

(b) if so, what are the results thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INTERNAL SECURITY (SHRI ARUN NEHRU): (a) and (b) Talks with the MNF delegation are still continuing.

Submission of report by the Sarkaria Commission

1378. SHRI RAMRISHNA MAZUMDER: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to extend the time for submission of report by the Sarkaria Commission on Centre-State relations; and

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI RAM NIWAS MIRDHA): (a) and (b) A proposal has been received from a State Government for extending the term of the Commission as the State Government requires some more time for submitting its views. The proposal is under consideration.

New Delhi meet of NAM official regarding Economic Cooperation

1379. SHRIMATI MAIMOONA SULTAN: Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a meeting of the officials of the NAM and other developing countries to review the progress of Action Programme for Economic Cooperation amongst these countries was held in New Delhi in mid-April; and

(b) if so, what was the outcome thereof and what decisions had been taken in the light thereof, for furthering the cause of the programme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI K. R. NARAYANAN): (a) Yes, Sir; a Meeting of coordinating countries of the Action Programme for Economic cooperation of Non-aligned Countries was held in New Delhi from 7—11 April, 1986 to review the progress of the Action Programme since the Seventh Summit.

(b) The meeting made comprehensive recommendations designed to increase the effectiveness of the Action Programme through better implementation, coordination and monitoring. In this context, it underlined the need for greater harmonisation between the programme and the Caracas Programme of Action of the Group of 77. The meeting also stressed the importance of coordinating positions of Non-aligned countries in various international forums and promoting regional, sub-regional and inter-regional cooperation amongst them.

The recommendations of the Meeting were endorsed at the Ministerial Meeting of the Coordinating Bureau of Non-aligned Countries in New Delh (16—20 April) and would now be submitted to the Eighth Conference of Heads of States or Government of Non-aligned Countries scheduled in Harare, Zimbabwe from 26 August—7 September 1986.

डा० जी०वी०के० राव समिति के प्रतिवेदन का कार्यान्वयन

1380. श्री जगदम्बी प्रसाद यादव :
श्री रामसिंहभाई पातलीयाभाई राठवा :

क्या प्रधान मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या ग्रामीण विकास और गरीबी उन्मूलन कार्यक्रमों के लिए विद्यमान

प्रशासनिक व्यवस्थाओं की समीक्षा करने के लिए डा० जी० वी० के० राव समिति के प्रतिवेदन के संबंध में, जिसे राज्यों को परिचालित किया गया था राज्य सरकारों की टिप्पणियां प्राप्त हो गई हैं ;

(ख) यदि हां, तो इस संबंध में ब्यौरा क्या है ; और

(ग) सरकार द्वारा कौन-कौन सी सिफारिशों को स्वीकार कर क्रियान्वित किए जाने की संभावना है ?

योजना मंत्रालय में राज्य मंत्री (श्री अजीत पांजा) : (क) और (ख) ग्रामीण विकास और गरीबी उन्मूलन कार्यक्रमों के लिए विद्यमान प्रशासनिक व्यवस्थाओं की समीक्षा करने के लिए डा० जी० वी० के० राव समिति की रिपोर्ट मार्च, 1986 में विभिन्न राज्यों/संघ क्षेत्रों को उनके सुझावों के लिए भेज दी गई थी । ये सुझाव अभी प्राप्त नहीं हुए हैं ।

(ग) उपर्युक्त स्थिति के संदर्भ में अभी कुछ भी सूचना नहीं प्रस्तुत की जा सकती ।

Under-utilization of computers in the country

1381. SHRI BIR BHANDRA PRATAP SINGH:
SHRI BHAGATRAM MANHAR:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that many computers in the country remain under-utilized because of the lack of awareness to utilize them for management information system rather than for routine accounting applications;

(b) if so, what is the broad ratio of the computer time being used for management information system to the time being used for routine applications and how does it compare with that of other countries; and

(c) what are the measures being taken and proposed to be taken so as to ensure better and more productive use of computers, including the role assigned to consultancy organisations such as Computer Maintenance Corporation Nataional Institute of Information Technology and Tata Consultancy Services?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND IN THE DEPARTMENTS OF OCEAN DEVELOPMENT, ATOMIC ENERGY, ELECTRONICS AND SPACE (SHRI SHIVRAJ PATIL): (a) No Sir, it is not true that many computers in the country remain under-utilized because of the lack of awareness to utilize them for Management Information System (MIS) rather than for routine accounting application system. However the utilization of the computer system increases only gradually after their installation.

(b) More and more routine applications are being integrated to create MIS. Therefore, it is not possible to sharply bifurcate the two areas. It is estimated that about 1/3 of the computer time is used for applications relating to MIS. In view of conscious promotion of the MIS and the deemphasis of the purely clerical replacement applications, this ratio will be some-what higher in India compared to other countries.

(c) Department of Electronics does not allow the import of computer system for purely labour replacing type of applications. It encourages complete feasibility studies being undertaken by the user organisations or consultancy agencies to assess their information needs, computer system requirements etc. The consultancy firms also assist the user organisations